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LA PAZ FOR CRAIG BUCK, CARACAS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652:

TAGS:

SUBJECT: VISIT OF NARCOTICS STUDY TEAM

REFS: (A) STATE 227187, (B) BOGOTA 9012, (C) STATE 220986

1. AS AGREED IN REF CABLES DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO SEND
A NARCOTICS STUDY TEAM TO BOGOTA TO WORK WITH EMBASSY
AND GOC OFFICIALS INCLUDING GENERAL MATAALLANA AND DAS
REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND DIRECTION OF
U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE COLOMBIA NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN
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FY 75 AND 76. TEAM COULD BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL AS EARLY

AS WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 WEEK OF TDY.

2. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS VISIT WE WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OVER-ALL GOC STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION IN THEIR NARCOTICS PROGRAM. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW GOC IS SORTING OUT JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE NATIONAL POLICE, THE DAS, AND CUSTOMS. ONCE WE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE THREE MAJOR GOC ORGANIZATIONS, WE WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFICS OF EQUIPMENT, PROGRAMMING, AND BUDGETING.

3. PROPOSED TEAM WOULD BE COMPOSED OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM ARA/NC AND DEA, PLUS ONE OR TWO TECHNICAL

GENERALISTS (I.E., TRANSPORTATION/LOGISTICS EXPERTS) DRAWN FROM PEOPLE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OR AID. CRAIG BUCK OF S/NM WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA ON RETURN TO U.S. NEXT WEEK. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ACKERMAN WOULD ROUND OUT TEAM; OTHER MISSION PERSONNEL SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS NEEDED. INGERSOLL

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